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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Interim Director

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH FORTINO CASTANEDA FOR
RADIOLOGY AND TELERADIOLOGY SERVICES
(Item #22, September 9, 2008 Agenda)**

On August 19, 2008, your Board approved an extension of the agreement with Fortino Castaneda for radiology and teleradiology services, from its expiration on August 31, through September 14, 2008, and continued the item to September 2, 2008. On September 2, 2008, I requested that this item be continued an additional week to September 9, 2008.

This is to provide you with an update on the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) timeline, an overview of radiology coverage for Department (DHS) facilities and the reliance on this contract for the interim period.

Staff from DHS and County Counsel completed the RFSQ for these services. It was released on September 3, 2008 and the following schedule will be followed:

Action	Target Completion
RFSQ Responses Due	September 24, 2008
Review Responses/Qualify Vendors	September 24 - October 10, 2008
Prepare Board Letter/Master Agreement Review/Approval	October 10 - November 7, 2008
Agenda Review Meeting	November 19, 2008
File Board Letter	November 20, 2008
Request Board Approval of Master Agreements	December 2, 2008

Based on this schedule and with the continuance to September 9, 2008, we will submit to the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, a revised Board letter recommendation for the September 9, 2008 meeting. This revised recommendation will extend the agreement with Fortino Castaneda, M.D., Inc. on a month to month basis for up to four months, with a total maximum obligation of \$486,000. During that period, we will provide monthly updates to your Board on the Department's progress in completing the tasks listed above.

Attached is a chart showing the coverage for radiology and teleradiology services at DHS facilities. As you can see, several facilities (High Desert Health System and Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-service Ambulatory Care Centers) are highly dependent on this contract and others use it for back-up and off-hours. We will propose that the Master Agreements, resulting from the RFSQ above, be for temporary services with terms of one year only. During this year, DHS will work with County Counsel to conduct a Proposition A solicitation.

I have also requested the DHS Audit and Compliance unit perform a current contract monitoring review of the existing Castaneda contract at each of the facilities. This report will be provided to you as soon as it is completed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

JS:CSG:mm

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Facility Radiology Status

Facility	Approx # of Readings/Yr	Internal Radiologists*	% Readings Internally	External Group Contract Use (% Read by Contract)			Radiology Residency Program**
	Backlogs			Castaneda (Final reads)	Rad Image (Preliminary reads only)	USC Contract (Preliminary and Final reads)	
Harbor-UCLA	~ 200,000	14 FT County MDs 2 PT Contract MDs 1 PT Registry (Mediscan)	100%	No current use but desirable -- need back-up for emergency cases in the ED \$23,330	\$2,500/month (estimate)	N/A	22 Residents 2 Fellowships
	Some plain film backlog						
Olive View	~ 150,000	11 FT County MDs 7 PT County or Contract MDs	Currently 82% Due to recent County MD hires, future estimate 88%	Critical -- currently 11% Future for back-up 5% \$123,340	7%	N/A	Residents rotate from UCLA
	Backlog in mammograms and PPP/MVCHC ultrasounds						
MLK MACC	~ 52,000	2 FT County MDs 1 PT County Hrly MD 2 PT Contract MDs 3 PT Contract Oncology	77%	Critical -- 23% 42% of MRI/CTs, ultrasounds; all after hours readings \$154,650	Minimal use	N/A	None
	Backlog of mammograms						
HD MACC	~ 29,900	0 County MDs 1 PT Contract MD (0.8 FTE)	35%	Critical -- 65% 100% CT; 98% ultrasounds; 55% Diagnostics \$168,000	No Usage	N/A	None
	No backlog						
Rancho	~ 25,000	2 FT County MDs 5 PT Contract MDs	99%	Critical -- 1% Critical for use after hours/weekends; % will increase with new LAC+USC surge beds \$16,680	No usage	N/A	None
	No backlog						
LAC+USC	~ 400,000	3 FT County MDs 1 PT Contract MDs	15%	No usage \$0	No usage	13 FT/PT MDs 85%	40 Residents 10 Fellowships
	2 week backlog on final reads						

* Either County employees or individual MD specialty agreements (FT, PT or Hourly); FT = Full Time, PT = Part Time

** Board Letter contract maximum for 4 months

*** New residency program requirements decrease # of residents allowed/faculty MD